

Letter from Gilbert Grosvenor to Alexander Graham Bell, May 24, 1911

May 24, 1911 Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, 1331 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C. Dear Father:

I send enclosed information given me by Mr. Booth regarding certain statistics relating to the deaf which the National Association of Teachers of the Deaf of Great Britain have been compiling recently.

I hope you can spare the time to go over the census papers which I recently submitted to you, because if the information is to be requested this year we ought to be sending out the blanks.

Sincerely,

AAPST American Ass'n to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf May 20, 1911 Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

I herewith hand you below a clipping from the pamphlet I mentioned to you, the subject matter relating to the work that has been done and that is proposed to be done by the "Statistics Committee" of the National Association of Teachers of the Deaf, Great Britain and Ireland. This committee is acting as a Central or Executive Committee of the International Statistics Committee appointed by the International Conference of Teachers of the Deaf held at Edinburgh in 1907 and which was attended by Dr. Crouter and myself. I am a member of the International Committee, and with Dr. Fay we constitute America's representatives in the Committee. So far the International Com. as a whole has never been called upon to act, though the British members have done as it seems considerable work. About a year ago I wrote the Secretary of the Committee in London, but received

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no reply. It is very possible that they have done or are doing the same work we are contemplating in our International Statistical Reports, and that the work is thus in danger of duplication,

This clipping certainly suggests that.

Committees. The various committees of the Assn. have met periodically during the year.

The Statistics Committee. The S. Com. have practically completed the collection of data from other countries, and the work of compilation of the various forms of enquiry with regard to deafness, will at once be begun. Unfortunately, owing to a change at the office of the Registrar General, the Representations made by the Assn. did not meet with such sympathetic consideration as last year. A deputation which waited upon the Registrar General in the early part of the year felt that to take Royal Commission should be incorporated in x x suggested that modifications on the lines suggested by the Royal Commission should be incorporated in the schedules for the approaching census. In a reply from the newly appointed Official this year any modification on the lines suggested was declined.

The Executive Com. desires to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Ackers for so generously providing funds for carrying on any work this committee undertakes.

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Very sincerely yours, F W Booth, Supt.